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And so the Earth Angel plans to take a much deserved rest. After spending some time with friends Anna Martelli and Tanya Nichols on Pandora's private yacht, Avengelyne makes a stop on the Greek island of Skiros. But will even those sandy beaches provide the peace she seeks?

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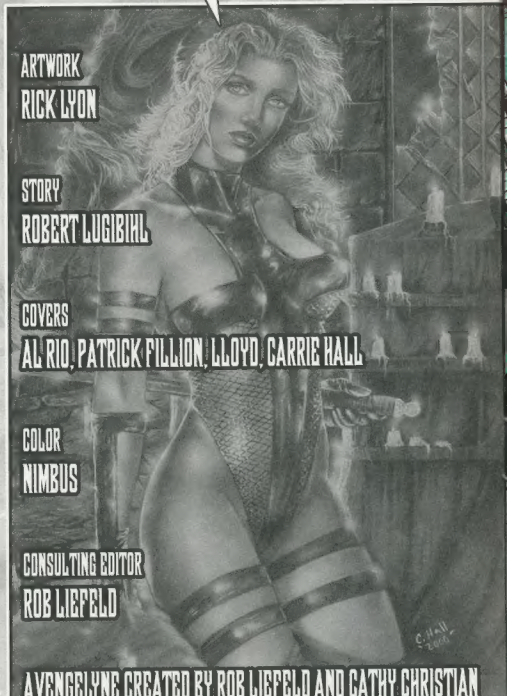

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I'M TELLING YOU, BENNY, THIS IS *IT!*
PLATO AND DONNELLY CLAIMED IT WAS LOCATED IN THE ***MID-ATLANTIC...***
...MODERN RESEARCHERS ARE ***CONVINCED*** IT WAS DESTROYED BY THE SANTORINI ERUPTION...
...BUT IT'S BEEN HERE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ***AEGEAN SEA*** ALL ALONG!
WE'VE DISCOVERED ***ATLANTIS!***

CRACKKK
WHAT IN...? THERE'S A GREENISH LIGHT COMING FROM *INSIDE* THE SARCOPHAGUS.
BE CAREFUL. IT MAY BE SOME KIND OF TOXIC WASTE.
LOOK OUT!
JAMES! WHAT'S *HAPPENING* DOWN THERE?
The Abyss
DAMMIT!
...STRIKING NEARBY SEA CREATURES... *TRANSFORMING* THEM...
SOME SORT OF *ENERGY TENDRILS* EMERGING FROM THE COFFIN...
OH... DEAR GOD...
WHAT IS IT? JAMES?
JAMES!

NO WAY. THESE ARE THE REMAINS OF A LOST CITY...
DON'T COUNT YOUR DISCOVERIES BEFORE THEY'RE AUTHENTICATED, JAMES. REMEMBER THE ARTIFACTS AT BIMINI?
THIS COULD BE JUST ANOTHER BUNCH OF BALLAST THROWN OVERBOARD BY GREEK AND EGYPTIAN MERCHANT SHIPS.
...AND THIS SARCOPHAGUS OBVIOUSLY CONTAINS THE BODY OF ITS FORGOTTEN MONARCH.
OKAY.. BRING IT UP SLOW, BENNY.
WHIRRRR
THIS MUST BE THE WAY HOWARD CARTER FELT WHEN HE DISCOVERED TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB IN 1922.
WAIT! IT'S SLIPPING!
HOLD IT STEADY! DON'T LET IT--

BENNY! START THE ENGINE! START THE ENGINE!
EYAAAGH!
NOOOO! AAAAAH!
NYEAARGHH!
IIIEEEE!
GODAMMIT, JAMES! TALK TO ME!
MONSTERS... TEARING EVERYONE APART..
MONSTERS? JAMES, YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE. WHAT--
THEY'RE AFTER ME, BENNY!
SWEET JESUS! HELP ME!!!

HELP MEEEAAHGGK!
I GOT YA, JAMES! I GOT YA, BUDDY!
YOU'RE GONNA BE--
(YEA
...OKAY?
:GURGLE:
YAAAAHHH!!!
I LIVE...
...AND I HUNGER FOR VENGEANCE.

TWO DAYS LATER, ON THE NEARBY GREEK ISLAND OF SKIROS.
MMMMM. THIS IS *PARADISE.*
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK I WAS BACK IN *HEAVEN.*
MY QUEST FOR ANSWERS ABOUT MY PLACE IN THIS WORLD CAN *WAIT* WHILE I EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE BEAUTY THE EARTH HAS TO OFFER.

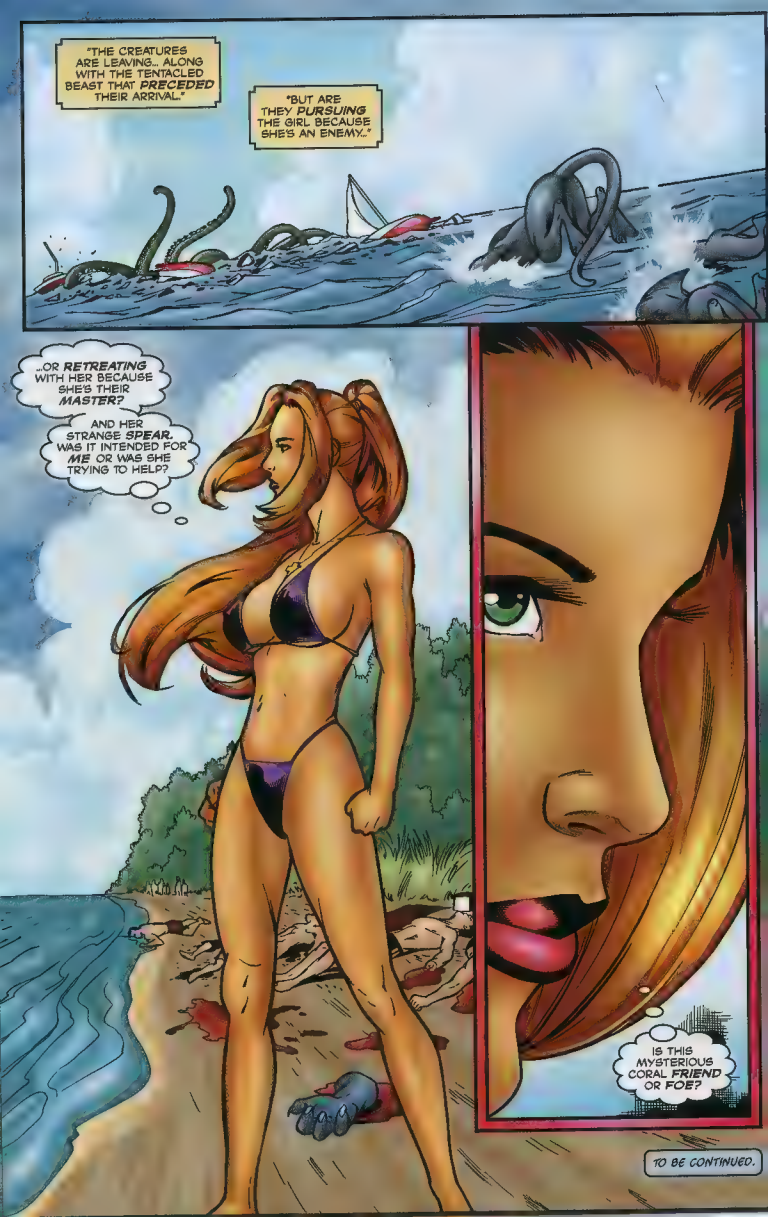
EVEN A FALLEN ANGEL DESERVES TO RELAX AND ENJOY HERSELF ONCE IN A WHILE.
SHHRRRIIEEEK!
OR NOT.
"IT SEEMS I AM DENIED EVEN A MOMENT'S PEACE."
QUICK! GET TO SHORE!
EKATA! IT IS A SEA MONSTER!
THE BEAST IS NOT THE ONLY THREAT. I SENSE A MORE SINISTER EVIL ABOUT TO--
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING!
IT'S GIGANTIC!

SPLAAAASH!
AAHHHH! LOOK OUT!
EEEYAAAGH!
SHRIIIPP!
CHOMP!
OH GOD! GET THEM AWAAGGKK!
SEA DEMONS.. TEARING THOSE PEOPLE APART!
TOO CROWDED TO RISK USING MY SWORD..
THRACKK!
..BUT THIS DRIFTWOOD WILL DO NICELY.

THESE THINGS ARE AS FAST AS THEY ARE VICIOUS!
FWACK!
I PRAY THERE AREN'T ANY MORE OF THEM.
THE MANCHIBIANS HAVE ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE.
IT IS A WOMAN...
"...AND SHE FIGHTS LIKE A WARRIOR BORN!"

SHE IS THE ONE.
YOU! WOMAN!
THEY'RE IGNORING ME... TURNING ON THEIR INJURED BROTHER..
WHA...?
THUNK!

SNAP!
GROWF!
SHLURP!
MINDLESS SAVAGES! THE SIGHT OF BLOOD HAS DRIVEN THEM INTO A FEEDING FRENZY!
BUT WHAT ABOUT..
WAIT! WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS CORAL...
..AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN, WARRIOR-WOMAN.


"THE CREATURES ARE LEAVING... ALONG WITH THE TENTACLED BEAST THAT PRECEDED THEIR ARRIVAL."
"BUT ARE THEY PURSUING THE GIRL BECAUSE SHE'S AN ENEMY..."
...OR RETREATING WITH HER BECAUSE SHE'S THEIR MASTER?
AND HER STRANGE SPEAR. WAS IT INTENDED FOR ME OR WAS SHE TRYING TO HELP?
IS THIS MYSTERIOUS CORAL FRIEND OR FOE?
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And just as Avengelyne begins to relax on the beach, strange creatures emerge from the waters and begin to attack innocent vacationers there. As Avengelyne fights to repel these mysterious attackers, an even greater mystery develops -- who is the enigmatic woman who calls herself Coral?

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THE GREEK ISLAND OF SKIROS.
IS THERE NO PLACE FOR ME IN THIS WORLD?
FOR MILLENNIA AS AN ANGEL, MY REASON FOR EXISTING WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR
YET AFTER A MERE HANDFUL OF YEARS AS A MORTAL, I FIND MYSELF FILLED WITH CONFUSION AND SELF-DOUBT.
THIS IS MY PENANCE -- TO EXPERIENCE THE TRIALS OF LIFE ON EARTH. I MAY BE PHYSICALLY STRONGER THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON, BUT I'M STILL SUBJECT TO THE TERRIBLE UNCERTAINTY THAT COMES WITH BEING HUMAN.
WILL I EVER FIND A PURPOSE HERE, OR AM I DESTINED TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A MAGNET FOR VIOLENCE AND EVIL?

WHA...? THE SEA CREATURES THAT ATTACKED THE BEACH YESTERDAY!*
THEY'VE CUT ME OFF FROM THE SHORE. MOVING IN FOR THE KILL.
*SEE ISSUE #1/2.
GOOD.
YOU SLAUGHTERED HALF A DOZEN INNOCENT PEOPLE BEFORE MY EYES, DEMONS

THWUMP!
NOW LET ME SHOW YOU WHY THEY CALL ME AVENGELYNE.
I KNEW YOU WERE A GREAT WARRIOR.
WHO...?

CORAL!
I TOLD YOU WE'D MEET AGAIN...*
...AND I SEE THAT THE MANPHIBIANS HAVE TRACKED YOU DOWN AS WELL. THEY MAY BE MINDLESS KILLERS, BUT THEY ARE DRAWN TO THOSE WHOM THEY PERCEIVE AS A THREAT.
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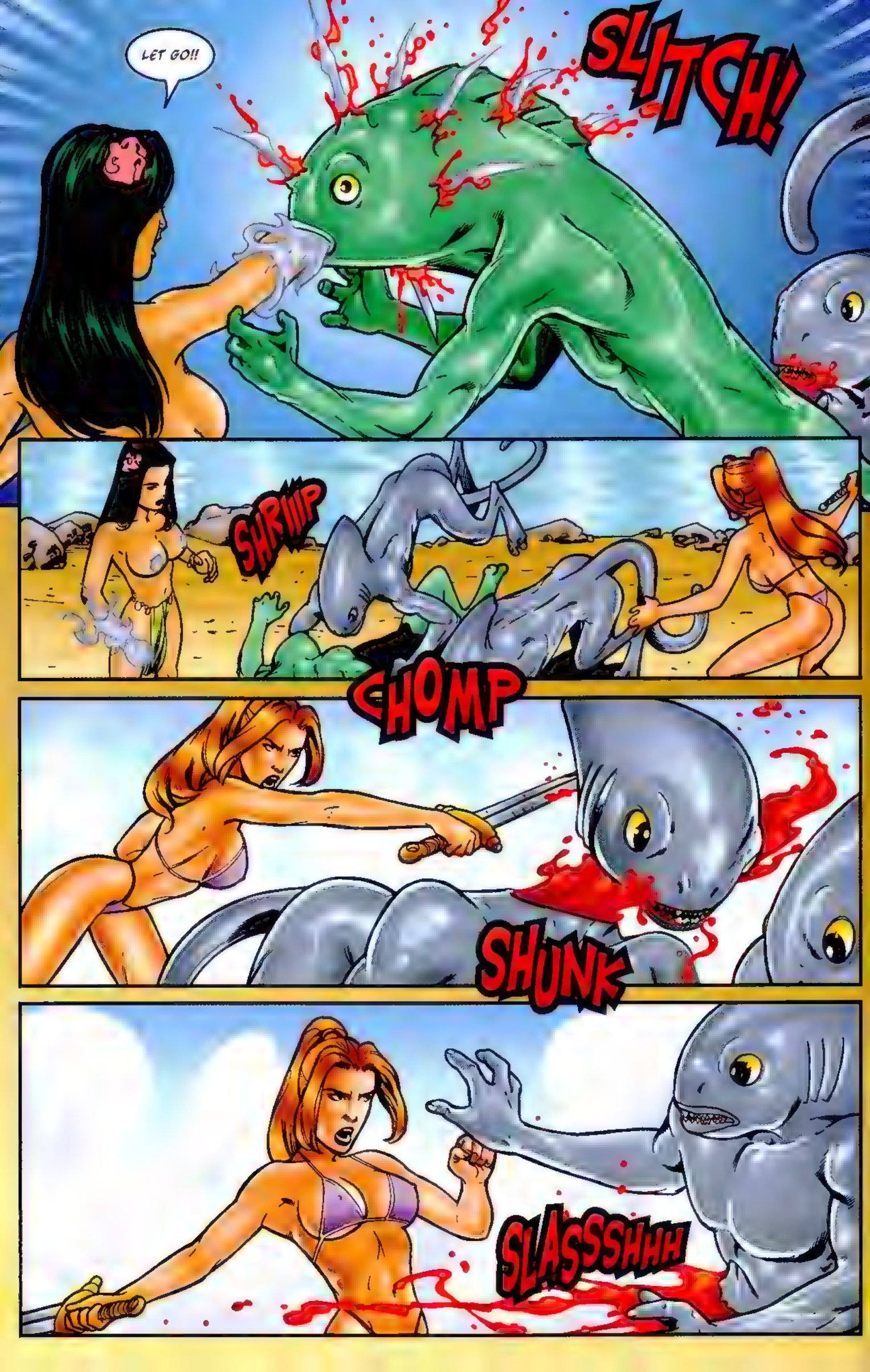
ARE YOU A THREAT TO THEM, OR ARE YOU IN LEAGUE WITH THESE MONSTERS?
CHOMP!
NO! LET GO OF ME, YOU FILTHY BEAST!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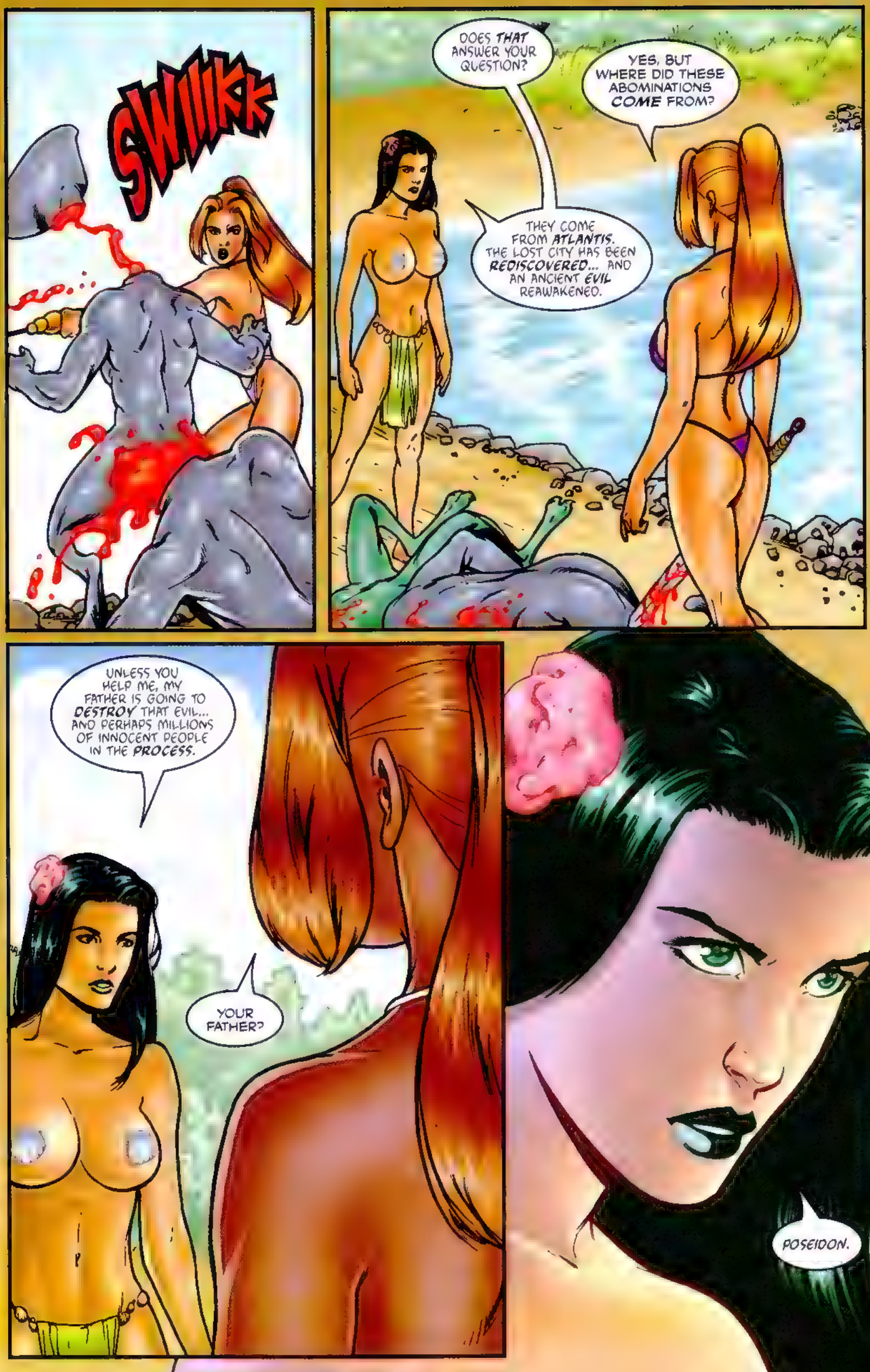
SLITCH!
SHRIIIP
CHOMP
SHUNK
SLASSSHHH


SWIIKK
DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?
YES, BUT WHERE DID THESE ABOMINATIONS COME FROM?
THEY COME FROM ATLANTIS. THE LOST CITY HAS BEEN REDISCOVERED... AND AN ANCIENT EVIL REAWAKENED.
UNLESS YOU HELP ME, MY FATHER IS GOING TO DESTROY THAT EVIL... AND PERHAPS MILLIONS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS.
YOUR FATHER?
POSEIDON.

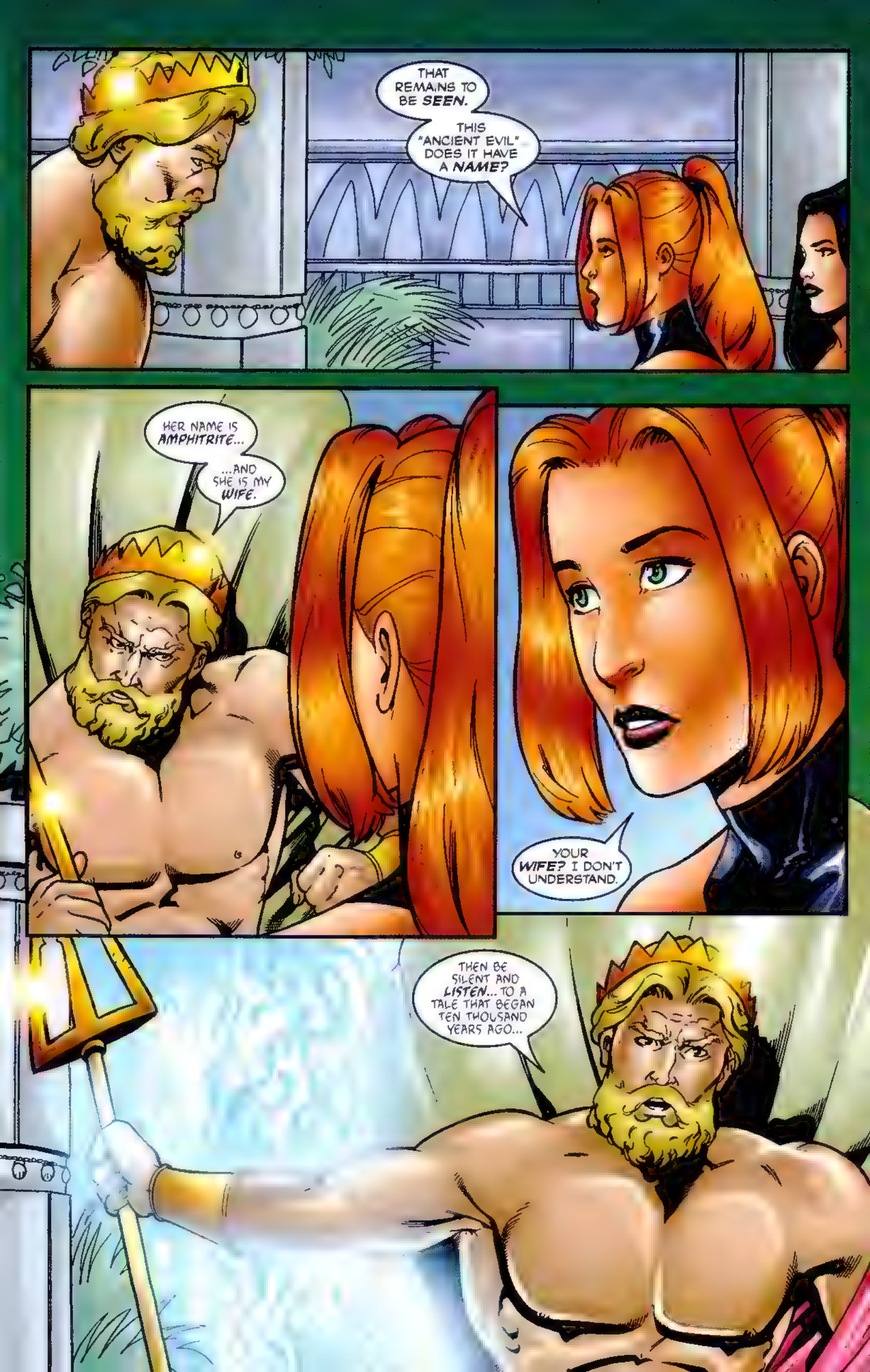
FIGHT ON, MERMEN FOR THE GLORY OF POSEIDON!
WE MUST SLAY THIS BESTIAL GUARDIAN AND FIND ITS MASTER AMID THE RUINS OF ATLANTIS!
LET THEM GO, MY PET.
IT - IT'S TRUE. YOU DID SURVIVE THE DESTRUCTION OF ATLANTIS THOSE TEN CENTURIES AGO
YES. YOUR KING IS A SLOPPY ASSASSIN.

POSEIDON MANAGED TO WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE CITY WHILE I LIVE ON TO WREAK MY VENGEANCE!
AAAGGH!
IF WE FAIL.
POSEIDON HIMSELF...WILL STRIKE YOU DOWN.
NO.
I WILL RESURRECT OCEANUS. TOGETHER WE WILL DESTROY POSEIDON...
...AND TEACH THE MORTALS TO FEAR A NEW GOD!

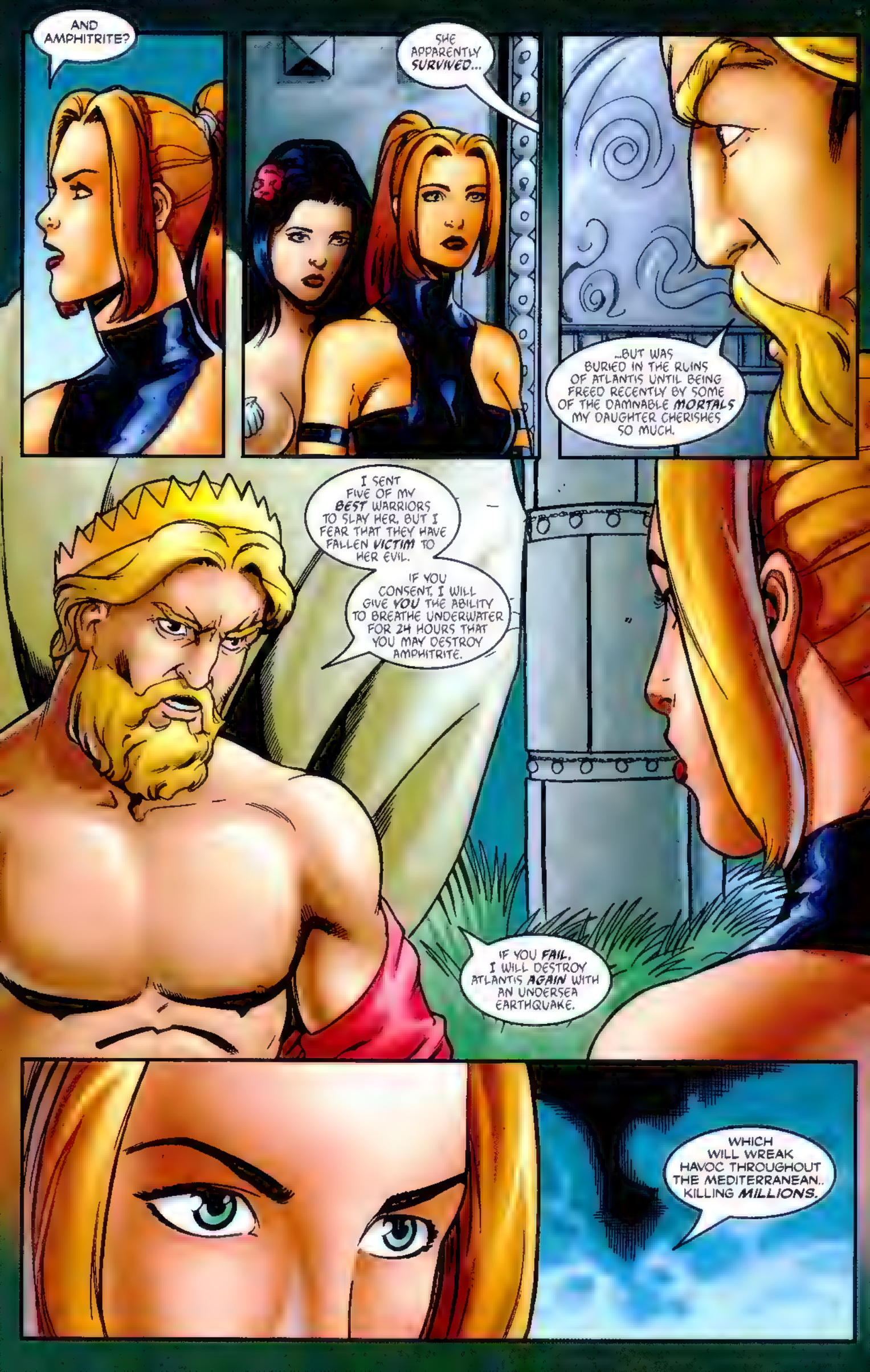
WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME AM I DOING?
I'M ACCUSTOMED TO THE WIDE-OPEN SPACES OF HEAVEN, NOT THE DARK DEPTHS OF THE SEA.
OF ALL PLACES ON EARTH, THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT WHERE I BELONG.

YOU KNOW, DEALING WITH AN OLYMPIAN GOD AND ALL...ISN'T THIS REALLY PANDORA'S TERRITORY?
PANDORA IS A CREATION OF HIS HATED BROTHER, ZEUS. MY FATHER WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HER. YOU ARE THE ONE, AVENGELYNE...
...BUT YOU NEED MY FATHER'S HELP TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY YOU WILL FACE.
I MUST WARN YOU ABOUT HIS DISPOSITION. HE IS RATHER... QUARRELSOME AND ILL-TEMPERED.
I'VE WITNESSED THE WRATH OF JEHOVAH FIRST HAND.
I'M NOT AFRAID.
YOU SHOULD BE, LITTLE ANGEL ..

POSEIDON IS NOT A KIND AND LOVING GOD.
THIS IS YOUR CHAMPION, DAUGHTER?
YES, FATHER. SHE IS A FIERCE WARRIOR WHO KILLED THREE MANPHIBIANS IN SECONDS. HER NAME IS --
AVENGELYNE. YES, I KNOW OF HER. ONCE A MEMBER OF THE ANGELIC WARHOST, BUT NOW LITTLE MORE THAN MORTAL...
...AND NO MATCH FOR THE ANCIENT EVIL THAT AWAITS HER IN ATLANTIS.


THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
THIS "ANCIENT EVIL" DOES IT HAVE A NAME?
HER NAME IS AMPHITRITE...
...AND SHE IS MY WIFE.
YOUR WIFE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEN BE SILENT AND LISTEN... TO A TALE THAT BEGAN TEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO...

...WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH A MORTAL WOMAN NAMED CLEITO.
AS A DEMONSTRATION OF MY AFFECTION, I TRANSFORMED CLEITO AND CREATED FOR HER THE MOST WONDROUS CITY IN THE ANCIENT WORLD ...ATLANTIS!
SHE SOON BECAME KNOWN AS THE SEA GODDESS AMPHITRITE, AND ALSO BECAME MY QUEEN...REIGNING OVER ATLANTIS WHILE I ATTENDED TO MY GODLY DUTIES.
ALL WAS WELL FOR A TIME UNTIL -- PERHAPS CORRUPTED BY THE POWER I HAD IMBUED HER WITH -- AMPHITRITE WENT MAD.
SHE LED THE CITIZENS OF ATLANTIS TO ABANDON THEIR WORSHIP OF ME AND TURN THEIR DEVOTION TO HER NEW LOVER...THE MONSTROUS SERPENT OCEANUS.
ENRAGED, I SLEW OCEANUS IN BATTLE AND SENT A MASSIVE TIDAL WAVE WHICH SWEPT ATLANTIS INTO THE SEA.

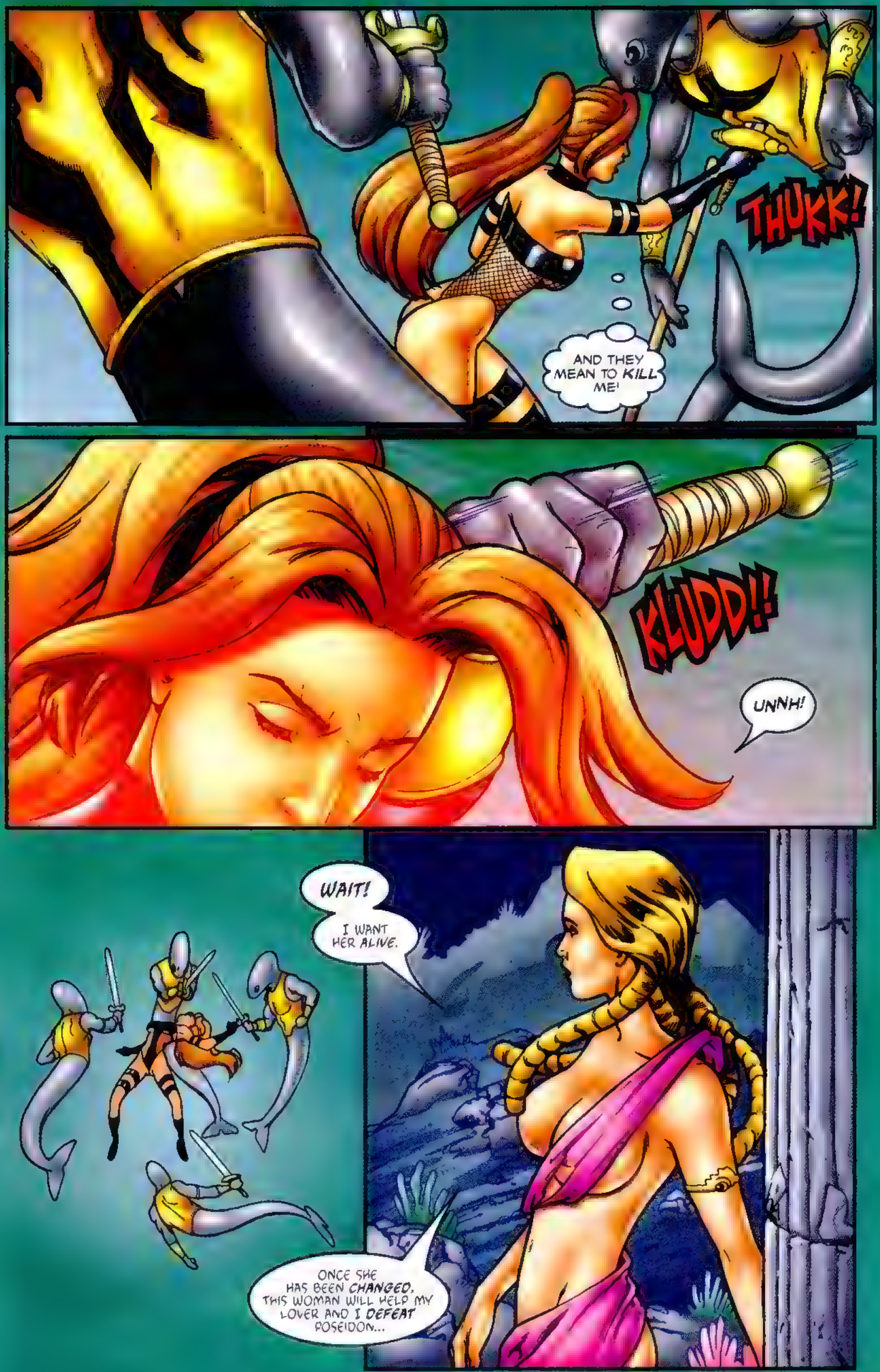

AND AMPHITRITE?
SHE APPARENTLY SURVIVED...
...BUT WAS BURIED IN THE RUINS OF ATLANTIS UNTIL BEING FREED RECENTLY BY SOME OF THE DAMNABLE MORTALS MY DAUGHTER CHERISHES SO MUCH.
I SENT FIVE OF MY BEST WARRIORS TO SLAY HER, BUT I FEAR THAT THEY HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO HER EVIL.
IF YOU CONSENT, I WILL GIVE YOU THE ABILITY TO BREATHE UNDERWATER FOR 24 HOURS THAT YOU MAY DESTROY AMPHITRITE.
IF YOU FAIL, I WILL DESTROY ATLANTIS AGAIN WITH AN UNDERSEA EARTHQUAKE.
WHICH WILL WREAK HAVOC THROUGHOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN.. KILLING MILLIONS.

IT WILL BE DONE UNLESS AMPHITRITE DIES...OR YOU COULD TRY TO STOP ME.
DO YOU CONSENT, LITTLE ANGEL?
I CONSENT.
THEN BEGONE!
SHOOM!
FATHER, WAIT! I WANT TO GO WITH HER!
NO, CORAL. I AGREED TO SEND A CHAMPION OF YOUR CHOOSING TO ATLANTIS, BUT YOU ARE FORBIDDEN TO GO NEAR THAT ACCURSED CITY.
AMPHITRITE IS POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS. EVEN WITH ALL OF AVENGELYNE'S STRENGTH AND COURAGE...

...THERE IS LITTLE HOPE THAT SHE WILL PREVAIL.
I .I CAN BREATH.
WHA..?!
OH YES.
I REMEMBER YOU.

SHUNK!
WHAM!
RRUMMBLE!
SPLORTCH!

DEAD... BUT THE BEAST WAS *ALREADY* INJURED.
PERHAPS IT HAD DONE BATTLE WITH POSEIDON'S GROUP OF --
--MERMEN.
THEY'VE BEEN CORRUPTED... *TWISTED* BY EVIL...
KLANG!


THUKK!
AND THEY MEAN TO KILL ME!
KLUDD!!
UNNH!
WAIT!
I WANT HER ALIVE.
ONCE SHE HAS BEEN CHANGED, THIS WOMAN WILL HELP MY LOVER AND I DEFEAT POSEIDON...

...AND AMPHITRITE WILL RULE AS QUEEN OF THE SEA!
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Dispatching the horde of strange sea creatures which rampaged onto a beach at the Greek island of Skiros, Avengelyne learns a shocking admission from her new acquaintance Coral — the mysterious girl is the daughter of the god Poseidon!

And when the Earth Angel meets the sea god himself, she hears the rest of the tale. The mad goddess Amphrite roams the dark depths once again, and if she cannot be stopped Poseidon will create an undersea earthquake to destroy her — and millions of humans as well! Avengelyne agrees to stop Amphrite before this happens — but can even an Angel survive the wrath of the deranged Atlantian goddess?

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THOOM!
WHO DARES DISTURB POSEIDON UNBIDDEN?
AVENGELYNE! YOU'VE RETURNED FROM ATLANTIS!

SHRIP
AVENGELYNE?
BUT WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED, ANGEL?
I SENSE THAT AMPHITRITE STILL LIVES.
YOU... WOULD OFFER YOURSELF TO ME?

THNK
FATHER! NO!
CORAL, THIS CREATURE IS NOT YOUR MORTAL CHAMPION...

...BUT RATHER A VILE MANPHIBIAN ENSHROUDED BY A SPELL OF ILLUSION. NO DOUBT SENT BY AMPHITRITE IN A FEEBLE ATTEMPT ON MY LIFE.
THEN...WHAT OF THE REAL AVENGELYNE?
I FEAR THAT THE MANPHIBIAN'S GUISE MEANS THAT AVENGELYNE HAS FAILED IN HER TASK TO DESTROY AMPHITRITE...
...AND I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY ATLANTIS MYSELF WITH AN UNDERSEA EARTHQUAKE.
PLEASE...WAIT! YOU PROMISED TO GIVE AVENGELYNE 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU WOULD STRIKE.
SHE MAY YET LIVE. AT LEAST GIVE HER A CHANCE.
VERY WELL, DAUGHTER. TWO MORE HOURS.
BUT REMEMBER. YOU ARE STILL FORBIDDEN TO GO NEAR ATLANTIS. WHILE SHE LIVES, AMPHITRITE WILL NOT REST...

...UNTIL SHE HAS CORRUPTED EVERY LIVING THING IN THE SEA.
AAAAAHHH!
FZZZZTTT

CURSE YOU, WOMAN!
HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO RESIST MY POWER? EVEN POSEIDON'S *MERMEN* HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO MY MANPHIBIAN SERVANTS.
IS *THAT*.. HOW YOU FORCED THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS.. TO ABANDON THEIR WORSHIP OF POSEIDON?
BY SENDING YOUR EVIL CREATIONS TO *PREY* UPON THEM UNTIL THEY *OBEYED*?
PRECISELY. HAVING GROWN WEARY OF POSEIDON'S CONSTANT *INFIDELITY*, I TOOK *OCEANUS* FOR MY LOVER...
...AND AS QUEEN OF ATLANTIS IT WAS MY RIGHT TO DECIDE WHO MY SUBJECTS WOULD WORSHIP WITH A LITTLE *CONVINCING*, THEY AGREED.
AND THEN POSEIDON IN A JEALOUS RAGE MURDERED OCEANUS AND DESTROYED ATLANTIS.
HE WOULD HAVE KILLED *ME* AS WELL HAD I NOT SEALED MYSELF WITHIN A MYSTICALLY PROTECTED SARCOPHAGUS.

I REMAINED IN AN AGELESS SLUMBER FOR 10,000 YEARS UNTIL BEING REAWAKENED BY THE SURFACE-DWELLERS...
...AND I INTEND TO ONCE AGAIN TERRORIZE THEM WITH A LEGION OF MANPHIBIANS!
BUT WHY? THE HUMANS NO LONGER WORSHIP POSEIDON...AND OCEANUS IS DEAD.
NOT FOR LONG. I HAVE DEVISED A SPELL WHICH WILL RESURRECT OCEANUS...

...RECONSTRUCTING HIS DECIMATED CORPSE...
...FROM THE SURROUNDING SEA LIFE ITSELF!
SOON OCEANUS AND I WILL HAVE OUR VENGEANCE UPON POSEIDON...
...AND THEN WE SHALL RULE TOGETHER OVER LAND AND SEA!
NO.

NEVER!
WHA-?
CORAL!
KRRRSHH!
WHAT HAVE WE HERE? ANOTHER OF POSEIDON'S ASSASSINS?
I AM SCHOKEE HIS DAUGHTER, WITCH!
NO DOUBT THE PRODUCT OF ONE OF HIS MANY TRYSTS. WHICH WHORE IS YOUR MOTHER? OEMETER? TERO? THETIS?
NO MATTER. IF YOU ARE CLOSE TO POSEIDON'S COLD HEART, IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO DESTROY YOU.

AND WHAT MORE FITTING DEMISE THAN MAKING YOU A PART OF HIS GREATEST FOE?
NO!
SKRAANGG!

FWUMP!
CORAL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE YOU AT AMPHITRITE'S MERCY. WE'VE GOT LESS THAN AN HOUR TO STOP HER BEFORE--
(Thud)
YOU HAVE NO HOPE OF STOPPING ME NOW, LADIES.
THE SPELL IS COMPLETE...

OCEANUS LIVES!
SHE'S INSANE. IT'S NOTHING BUT A MINDLESS HUSK. A ZOMBIE.
STAY HERE, CORAL..
I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK!

SHUNK!
THEN AGAIN.
THAT ONLY SEEMS TO HAVE MADE HIM ANGRY!
CHOMP!
AVENGELYNE!

IT...IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS.
CORAL! REMEMBER.. WHAT YOU DID TO THE MANPHIBIAN... ON THE BEACH? THE ONE THAT BIT YOUR HAND?
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ASKING...AND I THINK I CAN DO IT, BUT NOT UNTIL YOU'RE CLEAR.
ON THREE THEN ONE...TWO...
SNAP!
THREE!

SSSLLLIKK!
MY LOVE..
SPLORTCH!
YUCK.

NOOOOO!
YES
AAAGGHH!
SWIK!
IT'S OVER, AMPHITRITE

NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU >GLUB<
I >GASP< CAN'T BREATHE!
OH NO...NO! YOU CAN NO LONGER BREATHE UNDERWATER AND MY FATHER'S EARTHQUAKE HAS BEGUN!
AVENGELYNE, YOUR 24 HOURS ARE UP AND AMPHITRITE STILL LIVES!
HA HA HA! THEN WE ALL DIE TOGETHER AT POSEIDON'S HAND!
CORAL >GASP< RELEASE >CHOKE< THE MANPHIBIANS.
WHAT?! ARE YOU MAD? THEY--
AMPHITRITE.. >CHOKE<...IS... >GASP<...
BLEEDING >GLUB<

OF COURSE.
SKRAKT!
NO! GET BACK! I CREATED YOU!
I AM YOUR QUEEEEEEEAAGGGHH!

SHE'S DEAD... AND THE EARTHQUAKE HAS STOPPED!
IT WORKED, AVENGELYNE! YOU DID IT!
AVENGELYNE?

COME ON, DAMN YOU... BREATHE!
YOU CAN'T DIE NOW. WE WON.
GASP!

AMPHITRITE?
DEAD...AND THE EARTHQUAKE HAS BEEN AVERTED. YOU SAVED MILLIONS OF LIVES TODAY, AVENGELYNE.
WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM *YOU*, MY FRIEND.
IT WAS AN HONOR TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE, BUT I MUST BID YOU FAREWELL. MY FATHER IS NO DOUBT *FURIOUS* WITH ME.
GOODBYE, CORAL. I'M SURE YOUR FATHER IS PROUD OF YOUR BRAVERY.
WHAT AN *INCREDIBLE* DAY.
THIS WORLD IS SO UNPREDICTABLE... FILLED WITH BEAUTY AND WONDER... DANGER AND VIOLENCE.
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO I WAS LAMENTING MY LACK OF PURPOSE NOW THAT I'M MORTAL...
...BUT PERHAPS DEALING WITH THE *UNCERTAINTY* OF LIFE IS WHAT BEING HUMAN IS ALL *ABOUT*.
THE END.